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THE CREENBRIER COUNTRY

above high water mark. The

people took shelter in their church

in time of flood: yet in the course

of the centuries there came a

flood in which the waters rest

until the steeple of that churchwas

submerged! We have figured

out that, while not probable, yet

it is possible to have a rise in the

By Andrew Price in "Recreation" The Greenbrier river is the longest stream wholly within the State of West Virginia, being 170 miles long and draining a bas in shaped somewhat like a funnel, the wider portion to the headwaters, a watershed remarkable for its width and extent. A member of the Forestry Department of the National Government eays that great floods may be expected from this fact. There have been no great floods in the comparatively short history of this stream, but American rivers have not had the observation of the old world rivers; for instance the Danube; and the church of the village which had been built on ground

Greenbrier river of 566 1-2 feet. The dictionaries give us the ex clusive use of that name "Green brier" as a proper noun. And in West Virginia we have a town, county, a river and a school district by this name, and no end of Greenbrier companies in business It takes its name from a peculiar brier with a long green stem. which forms a tangled under growth, making the woods hard to penetrate, as our West Virginia hunters of grouse can attest. It is like the wait-a-bit thorn, only very much worse. There is belief that the root of this pestif erous brier will go down in the ground until it finds a pool of his house on a hill needed a well and having full confidence in this belief took the presence of a green brier in his back yard as a good omen. He dug with the root in the center of his well until ne trad reached the depth of 64 feet at which point the well was abandomed, but the greenbrier was still

The story of the early settlers on the Greenbrier is not pleasant reading. Men burned to death, babies tomahawked, women scalp ed and houses burned, form the principal features of the history of the Indian raids. There is a tra dition that Simon Girty, the rene gade white man who led the la dians in these attacks in this section of the country was captured here and burned alive on the banks of this river by the infu riated white settlers.

leading downward.

The Indians had several deep cut trails through this valley They traveled the crests of the long ridges, crossing as few streams as possible and immediately gaining the opposite height. white settlers, and no road led into the country even after some of the fine farms had been cleared what is now Pocahontas county on horses and set up on theClover Lick farm where Jacob Warwick, the Indian fighter, had settled, In 1772 King George III was on the point of forming the new colony of Vandalis, to be bounded on the west by the Ohio river, on the east by the Greenbrier and on the north by the colony of that arch traitor and many sided diplomat, William Penn. But 72 of the residents of the country on the west bank of the Greenbrier signed a powerful petition praying to be saved from such a hte. Cut off from the great State of Vir ginia, they declared they would be without hope or protection, and that their country would be the resert of outlaws and despers does. The colony was never for med and there is no Vandalis in the roster of states. But in s Virginia was formed on almo

after it was forme .

treasured in loving remembronce. George Washington said: "Give rests under the foot of every rain made the carfish bite, the stranger Oh, in this mocking world too wrong, by laws broken, and cove me but a banner, and let me place bow. And we decline to be party proved uninterested. t upon the mountaits of West o the misery of the inexperienced | Finally a lawyer came here to

ed here for the last time in war, trip. He had to be helped to the others got on to his dodge.

the engrossing clerk was careless to take him on the same trip. vear. now Alleghany county, -Virginia, the country since.

From the first the county revenue was mainly expended in get- come ler; had almost as sad an ex- thirg for a 5 pound bass to tip christian brother, or as one that regulating Christian behavior toting rid of the wolves which made perience. It was many years ago the scales to 2 pounds. A dis- may stock raising precarious. The scalps were proved by the huns joys. We did not then do our down this way once caused some the dred but it was not until in the forties, when a Connecticut man hands of the result, but encour- sued the bass relentlessly in the the came here to settle who introduced aged him to come. He was a early days. One day when he rent the new and effective poison known portly well set up gentleman from let out his court, word came that as strychnine, that the wolves were New York. He drove in from a 9 pound bass had been caught ian's duty to love his heathen and in case of stubborn contumacy honored and efficient ruling elder country, formed from the countries overcome. The victory was sad- the nearest railway depot 46 miles in the Greenbrier river. There enemies, but when a christian renounce the society of those who den and complete. Having won away. By the time he had enter- was a difference of opinion as to brother trespasses he is to hold trespassed against them there man that made conscience of ou ton, was made in 1858. It was his way as far as Philadelphia. ed this happy valley he was sore, whether any bass could be as such strictly responsible and if he the wily Yankee returned with a He went 12 miles into the woods large as that, and the matter was faile to make it right, to have consequently no trisls. bottle of strychnine. An old with a young man who could out- referred to Judge Guthrie, as an nothing more to do with himfield schoolmaster undertook to alk a buck deer and there caught suthority on the subject. He said If an enemy smite the christian, to recommend as a duty in cases administer it; his plan would not one small trout. By the time he he was not prepared to say that turn the other cheek, if an enemy where such a course is likely to commend itself to the Society for got back to Broadway, he was a such a fish could not have been take away thy coat in a law suit, succeed, to endeavor by every the prevention of Cruelty to An- survivor. And now if vicitors are caught in the Greenbrier; that to let him have the closk also; if he act of kindness consistent with imals. An old horse that had induced to try their luck in these speak of a 9 pound bass was like forces a christian to go a mile, duty to the public, to point out to ontlived his use ulness was taken goods by any pictures we paint, speaking of a man 9 feet high; let the chrisiian see him a mile the rude and heathenish heart to the upland of Viney mountain hey are requested to kindly send that a man might be that tall but better. Not so however with the "the more excellent way of charand with one of his veins severed for a blank form we have prepar he would be of abnormal size, fellow christian. If the fellow ity." he was led in a wide circle leaving led, something like that on a mi'- An S pound base was like a man christian smites the cheek, the a trail of blood. When he suc- road pass, relieving us of all liabil- 8 feet tall, then the group was other christian's duty is to know cambed, the body was well im- ity.

ily accomplished ramors prevail that there is one At the present time these fish, the galoot in the crowd told him, time he gave his instructions for Honaker when she was a girl of solitary specimen in the Gauley small mouth black base, are giving him mortal effense. wolf was killed in 1894.

was in 1880. It was treed after it once was, the certainty of a and pain killer in their saddlebags ent, that these people did not work such as is now rarely seen several days chase. The animal [targe catch detracting from the for bass by reason of any thing regard each other as brothers, Fifty years ago our linen was ran in circles, coming around sport. where it could see its trail and The bass were first placed in they will probably find the river church, but they joined the church is all bought at the stores. - West These trails were used by the first whether it was being followed. the Greenbrier in the year 1877. in flood, or may not be able to because they r garded cach as Virginia News. The busters would find where it At that time the stream was the caseh a bass anyway, even if they brothers, while out of the church, had crouched watching its track home of the lowly sucker and the should see one sitting on a rail hence their joining the church It finally took to a tree and the succulent catfish, of the common fence smoking a cigar. Such are need not bring about any change The first wagon was packed into hanters coming up, Col. Cecil or garden variety. Gov. H. M. apt to change their fishing rods of feeling towards those not mem- Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co. to the midst of what is one of the the State. Major Harris procured send a covered wagon for them. most populous farming communi- from Ohic two lots of bass in the cattle scales. This was some gion of forest which had not bee he timbers of the cattle scales, puwder and salt. and was easily shot and killed ... The bass headed for the frontier

trouv persons who would like to the Greenbrier noticed the advert

pregnated with strychnine, and on

Clay, a one armed man, was given Mathews had appointed his tows juto pruning hooks and go after bers of the church and not receipthe honor of shooting it. A year man, and fellow lawyer, Mrj the man who induced them to rocating their feelings. or so before this event, a large John W. Harris of Lewisburg, come. To all such we would say On the other, the Gentiles as supreme court Tuesday of last panther was killed in the Levels game and fish commissioner of that when we want them we will such, recognized no special obli- week, allows Mrs Bowles, damaties of the State. It had taken ref- water barrels and dumped them uge in the cattle males on a large into the river; and the base did farm far from any woods. A the rest, At that time the railroad neighbor rode up to the mansion crossed the river at Ronceverte house and told Capt. W. L. Mc- in Greenbrier county. Upstream. Neel there was a large panther in Pocchontas county was a vast re what upexpected flews; something explored by the commercial travlike being told that an elephaet eler, About all the outside world was bathing in your pond. The saw of us was an occasional coverpanther was found lying on one of ed wagon that came out for gun-

There is even yet much good The river swarmed with the small nunting and fishing here; in Po- animal life conductive to their shoptus county. There is no bet- propagation and in a few years ter country. It can be briefly de the stream was alive with base scribed as a bluegrass country, noted for their six and ferocity very mountainous, with all its Many a time have we seen one of for general housework. Good tance, and one too ever ready to housand streams flowing clear as these monsters when hooked leap wages and steady position. Ap greatel. The rock formation is like a ball dog shaking a rat, and ply in person or by letter to Mrs. inclosity limestone, which disladge the hook. His expression G W. Campbell, Campbellion neans a fine farming count's lover ably was so fendish that ve Merinton, W. Va. there the women are all beautiful often falt like dropping the rod

This was then the extreme wes | some here to hunt and fish. This of the long, green fish, and some torn settlement of Augusta county is an experience that every one discussion followed as to whether Virginia, and here was introduced must have who writes in glowing they were good to est. They red clover, which the Indians said perms to any of the periodicals would bite after the manner of was dyed by the blood of their devoted to outdoor life. To each the plebeian fishes. One of the race. a sentiment, given birth and every one, we now write as patriarches secured a patent minabout the same time, over which polite letter as we can advising now and set his pole and watched we have no doubt and which is him not to come. No one has for hours without a strike. When ever found the pot of gold that the muddy water came down that

Augusts, and I will rally around camper. After all the good of visit his birthplace and when he me men who will lift my bleudit g camp life rests largely in maling saw the new fish he pursued them Better be cheated to the last country from the dust and set her one contented with one's home. | in a most effective way: live bait There was once a city man bay- and moving line; a tolicy that The Revolutionary war found my never before been in the made the bass believe that the prosperous communities upon the woods, who undertook to fish bait was trying to escape. When Greenbrier, and while much fear from the mouth of Dogway up the bass saw the minnow trying was felt for ludian raids, yet the Cranberry. His shoes played out to get a place of safety all the years of that war were singularly his feet got sore, he caught n t creelty of his nature was aroused sermons, in exposition of what was not injurious. It might be free from their atrocities, though a single trout, and the only night and he dashed at the belplers Christ meant when he said, "Love the Christians duty to inform the hey began soon after and contin out was rainy and he all but wept creature to destroy. Great was your enemies, bless them that Gentile of the obligation be neg ued until 1790, when they appear in his misery. He broke up the the fame of the lawyer man, until curse you, and pray for them that lected, but it would not be in

That raid left many dead. When hearest point a horse could be The moving artificial fly had they came again they were in reached and there he was maroon- the same effect. We have seen

when we began to sing of sylvan enssion over the weight of bass chri Pontius Plate act and wash our hard feeling. Judge Guthrie pur- Her joined by one of the most distin- what he did it for, and if not sat-The Greenbrier river is probab- guished lawyers in the State, who isfactorily explained, the pugathe next morning 14 dead wolves by the best black bass stream in was noted for his short stature. listic brother is hereafter to be as were found. After that the thin- the United States; yes in the The Judge cast a quizzical eye a heathen man and a publican. sing out of the welves was speed. United States and if we are to be on this gentleman, and said | Somewhat recently it occurred aboth Honaker, wife of F. S. crossed in this assertion, we may "And this size we throw back." to me, that it would be well to Honaker, and mother of Mrs. J. Whether a wolf yet remains is a sist that it affords the best bass The gentle man in i ted upon find out something as to the per- J. Green in East Ronceverte. an open question. Constant fishing to be had in the world! knowing what the joke was and a sons our Lord had in mind, at the This towel was the work of Mrs. mountains, but this has never swarming in the greater numbers We would not have ardent These disciples had to deal with county, Va. She pulled the flax, been authenticated. The last in this stream, and are hungry for lishermen leave their home in Gentiles, and with their fellow spread it, scutched it, hackled it,

Will Gum of Hightown, while out at Bartow last week, was taken suddenly and violently sick and his trouble was found to be appendictis., Preparations were nurriedly made, and, in company with Dr Arbogast and Mr Dyer Gum, he took the down train for Hinton, His family and friends have been in communication with the hospital since his arrival there and the word was given out that, which would have to be reduced on operation would be performed for perhaps a week, -Highland

Virginia for fall two years we receive bumbers of forters print live on the oppor waters of Asheralt Marijaton W. Va.

Faith. By FRANCES ANNE KENBLE.

Better trust all and be deceived. And weep that trust and that deceiving,

Than doubt one heart that if be Had bless'd one's life with true

believing.

The doubting fiend o'ertakes our jouth;

Than lose the blessed hope of truth.

Loving Enemie

charge of Buffalo Bill, capting duntil a horse could be led in by the bass rise in the deepest, water treatment due a trespessing broth only' it was quite reasonable nimbly to the music of the brase idevious ways; he reached the set- and take the fly with a mighty er, he commands the one injured that the Christians should take lements in the dead of night. It swirt. In the early days the bass to call the brother to account in a account of it in their dealings Pocahontas county was formed, was pitiful to hear him ask for grew to tremendous size. They private interview, if this fails to with Gentiles, and instead of dein 1821. It was to be called Al liquor, but there was 1002 to were stuffed with the best of food settle the trouble call in two or nouncing them for a hardness leghany county. as being the give him. Yet that men wrote and under this condition bass will three witnesses; if this fails to which wiolated no principle, highest county in the State, but the next year and asked his friends make a phenominal growth in one reconcile, then tell it to the church, which they recognized as binding, and if the offender fails to hear should endeavor to teach them and got the names mixed, and we They wrote him a threatening It is probable that more mis- the church, let the offending one better by forbearance and unexgot the name intended for what is letter and he has not been back to takes are made in guessing the be as a heathen man and a publi pected retailstions of kindness. weigh of fishes than in almost can that is to say have nothing On the o'her hand it may be The first man we induced to anything else. It is no uncommon more to do with him. "As a observed that were Christ's law

the guidance of his disciples. 15 and lived at Rochelle, Madison all kinds of bait. The fishing has Kalamazoo and come trailing christians. In reference to chris- spun it and then wove it. The The last panther killed here practically ceased to be the sport down here, blood in their eyes tians the remarkable fact is appar- towel is a beautiful specimen of we have said. It is all true, but because they were members of the nearly all home made but now it

gations except to their relations ges amounting to \$6,500. as fellow citizens, hence in the In the year 1904 Mr and Mrs Gentile opinion, that where no John H. Bowles were walking to tie of nature or treaty existed all Lewis Crossing and when the other men were enemies; rival reached the railroad tracks My all Interests were in conflict, C. & O. train. therefore the natural state of ings was that of hostility from the eradle to the grave. Hence it was injuries committed by Gentiles were essentially different from injuries committed by Christans. It would seem that they an enemy in war differs from honocide committed in peace upon be his enemy by a law of exisan act of preventive self-de

teaching or commanding that the two classes of injuries should be dealt with in a way so very diff | Father of all! in every age,

The injurious Christian was proper subject for resentment, but it was unreasonable to be an gry with an injurious Gentile. Anger where it is justifiable, is the feeling aroused within us by nan's disregarded.

When Jesus trught the so won derful words and made the distincion in question, the Gentiles as such had broken no law, and disregarded no covenant, for they knew of none. The Gentile individual might be noxious, disa-For years and years I have greeable, and mischievous, but in been reading books and hearing the strict sense of the word, he despitefully "use you," and some proper form to be angry with other things in Matt , 5, 43-48. | him for neglecting it. Since the But when he speaks of the Gentiles "loved their brethren

depended on to act as a wards offending Christians, unibrother ought to act in versally observed and practised in ses " Matt, 18:15-18. a Christian land, the occupation sharp contrast between would be gone. If all proment of enemies and breth- fessing Christians, and all inclined to be Christians would just let

Then was it not well for Jesus

W. T. P.

Old-Time Work.

A day or two ago we were made 60 years ago by Mrs. Eliz

Awarded \$6.500 Damages

The case of Bowles vs. which is from Kanawha county and which was decided by the

aimants of the earth's wealth, Bowles was struck and killed by a

The evidence showed that when killed he was on the track on the nside of the crossing. The train had given, or gave no signals of

In the opinion of the court, it i egligence per se to back a train on a dark night over a public forming the stave mill plant at Webster was called the "Indeailroad crossing without warning by blowing a whistle or ringing ell or placing a guard or light on be advanceing reversed car. The Sheriff of Pocabontae county. company must adopt some means to warn travelers of danger, such ceans as will be edually efficien s the bell or whistle warning of in advancing unreversed train.

"The precaution must suit the at they lived to the State of ever we break out to praise of it It was not long before the trib. dred live chickens, at Beard a square we receive numbers of letters without live on the appearance. We letter the live on the appearance of Amberiate live on the appearance of Amberiate

The Universal Prayer. BY ALEXANDER POPE.

In every clime, adored By saint, by savage, and by sage Jehovah, Jove or Lord!

Thou Great First Cause, leas understood, Who all my sense confined

good, -And that myself am blind;

Yet gave me, in this dark estate, o' most for fattening hogs. To see the good from ill; And binding Nature fast in Fate, Left free the human will.

What conscience dictates to be done. Or warns me not to do,

This, teach me more than hell to That, more than heaven pursue

What blessings Thy free bounty Let me not cast away;

For God is paid when man re ceives: To enjoy is to obey.

Tay goodness led me bound, Or think Thee Lord alone of man-When thousand world are round!

Presume Thy bolts to throw,

On each I judge Thy foe. Resolutions of Sympathy.

The following resolutions we esset by the session and congre gation of the Huntersville I'r a by- families are numbered among the terian church.

That whereas it has please! Al mighty God to take from our midst and Nicholas counties. mid seem to be the christ- matters rest with first rebuking our beloved Dr. S. P. Patterson an The first movement for a new church, a christian gentleman, a whom there is no guile.

Therefore it is reso'ved that the nity a beloved physician and friend. 2. Resolved that his influence

things, in service, serving God and

saving, "Thy will, not mine be

to be ever with them.

by order of Session and Congre-G. W. NICKELL, (Mod.)

Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Personal Property

Feb. 10, 1907.

amber 3,1906, in the consolidated nted man who gave the county it causes of Windsor Trust Co. vs public square. plant of the National Cooperage Company at Cloverlick, in said cash, the following personal property, levied upon as the property of W. R. Cole.

1 60 horse power boiler and

ngine. 1 25 horse power boiler 1 saw mill

A lot of stave mill machinery

Drum saws, a lot of furniture. and all of the personal property beyonging to the said W. R. Cole Clover Lick.

\$1.00 A Year

History of Webster Gounty. The Glade country very early in pioncor times attracted the attention of the home seeker. In many places there were openings in the forest covered with native grasses which afforded excellent pasturage for stock. This land not being lewi'y timbered like the Elk, Gauley, Williams and To know but this, that Thou art H lly river vaileys, could be more eraily cleared. The oak forests supplied a bountiful crop

Game was more plentiful in this region than in any other locality except the vicinity of the Fork Lick. During the autumn and winter bundreds of deer could be found feeding on the oak mast. They would come from long distances to this feeding ground. Along the bluffs of the Gauley and the Williams, bears could be found in great numbers. The Indians as late as 1793 came here to hunt, and one of their principal trails through central West Virginia passed through this hanter's paradise. Game Yet not to earth's contracted span continued to be plentiful in this region until after the civil war, and in 1868 two hunters killed more than two hundred deer.

The majority of the early set-Let not this weak unknowing ders came from the Greenbrier valley, following the Indian and buffalo trails across the moun-And deal damnation round the tains. The McClures, Duefields, Dillys, Prices and Greens were suring the first to settle here. Later came David Hanna, John Woods, the Raders and Mortons. Descendants from many of these most progressive citizens of this

in the Huntersville Presbyterian of Nicholas, Randolph and Braxsuffering, "An Israelite indeed in ty seats of three counties to Fork Lick, the proposed seat of justice

church has lost a good and wise ru- of the new county. Christopher ler, the session, an honest and con- C. Hamrick, Henry C. Moore sciencious counselor, the commu- and others petitioned the Assembly of Virginia in 1858 asking and example has always been for for the formation of a new county good, in that he has always shown within certain prescribed metes a desire to follow his Lord in all and bounds. This petition was not favorably acted upon until 3 That our loss has been great, January 10, 1860, when an act out humbly bow to the Divine will, was passed for its formation, and saming the new county in honor 4. That we extend our sincere of Deniel Webster. This act losympathy to the bereaved family cated the seat of justice on land and invoke God's sustaining grace owned by Addison McLaughlin. and declared that it should be 5. That a copy of these resolu- known as Addison. The name tions be sent to the family, the Cen- Fork Lick continued to be used tral Presbytrian and the Courty until an set was passed by the legislature of West Virginia in 1873 declaring that the town thereafter should be known as Addison. This name was changed in 1903 to Webster Springs by an act of legislature. very euphonious name has been Pursuant to a decree of the Virginia by American commer-Circuit Court of Pocahontas coun- ciatisie, and a great is justice done ty, West Virginia, entered Dec- to the memory of the public spir-

Joseph A. Alderson, father of W. R. Cole, W. A. Bratton, vs. Hon. John D. Aluerson, of Nich-W. R. Cole and C. P. Dorr vs olas county, was a member of the W. R. Cole, the undersigned Assembly which created Webster. sheriff of Pocahontas county will and to him more than to an one on Saturday March 2, 1907 at the else belongs the credit for its formation. He was a great admirer of the famed orator and statesman of Massachusetts, and he county, proceed to sell at public gave his name to the new county. suction to the highest bidder, for At the time of its formation there was not a very numerous population, but there was a stoot and hardy set of men who had braved hardships and privations. They were for the most part the first and second generations born in the new territory settled by the old pioneers. The moccasin and the hanting shirt had been discarded by many, and they did not entirely rely upon the spin-ping wheel and loom for their

The civil war began soon after the county was surveyed, and it s close. It was at this time that endent State' an apprelation used by political speakers to day. ster county had a full comit of state officers from gov